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Amendment to The Specification:

In the Substitute Specification please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] With time-scale conversion devices, audio data can be converted in such a way that the time duration of the audio signals represented by the audio data changes while substantially extensively maintaining theits tone pitch. A plurality of mMethods for the conversion of the time scale involve, for the time being, carries out an analysis of the audio data, in order to determine the parameters. Processing only starts after the analysis has been implemented. The analysis is carried out in a time window, the span of which corresponds orients itself to the characteristics of human hearing and even to the voice characteristics, i.e. in a time window on in the order of magnitude of a few hundredths of a seconds, for example, in a time window between 20 and 40 ms (milliseconds), in particular 30 ms. The analysis also-delays the audio flow-to-be-converted, so that the speech quality is degraded, in particular as exhibited by with respect to the occurrence of audible echoes, is reduced. As a result, the advantage of the time-scale conversion device is often smaller than the disadvantages associated with it. This statement in particular applies to the synchronization of the sampling rate by means of time-scale conversion devices in the case of a mismatching of the pulse of the communicating devices in a data transmission network. However, the mismatching is mostly negligible and is usually less than 10 percent; however, the delay generated by the conversion is audible for a speaker.